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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 1084

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PASS FAA ASAP

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, PINS, DM

SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR FLYING TIGER LINES: BENIN

REF: A. COTONOU 480, B. COTONOU 464, C. COTONOU 1026

1. EMBASSY HAS TRANSMITTED FLYING TIGER LINE'S REQUESTS FOR OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION FOR JULY 6, 13, 20, AND 27 BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE. WHILE WE ARE ALSO SEEKING PERMISSION BY URGENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE FOR JULY 4 OVERFLIGHT, NOTICE OF FLIGHT ARRIVED JULY 1 BY COMMERCIAL TELEX AND PROBABLY WILL NOT BE APPROVED BY SCHEDULED TIME OF OVERFLIGHT. ALTHOUGH FLYING TIGER WILL BE ADVISED OF THIS SITUATION BY SEPTEL, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT TELLING THEM NOT TO FLY UNLESS PERMISSION RECEIVED.

2. DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO GIVE BROAD CIRCULATION TO PROBLEMS INVOLVED

IN BENIN OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES FOLLOWING JANUARY 16 AIRBORNE ATTACK ON COTONOU, WE ARE STILL RECEIVING REQUESTS ON UNREALISTICALLY SHORT NOTICE. EACH OVZJFLIGHT REQUEST REQUIRES PERSONAL APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT KEREKOU, WHICH IS REASON WHY WE NEED LONG LEAD TIME. SINCE IN 1976 US WAS ACCUSED OF ACTS
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"BORDERING ON PIRACY" WHEN THREE CESSNA'S WITH AMEEICAN REGISTRATION OVERFLEW BENIN WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION, WE DO NOT WISH TO PROVOKE GOVERNMENT OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN BY UNAUTHORIZED OVERFLIGHTS.

3. MOST RECENT REQUEST BY FLYING TIGER SUGGESTS THAT WORD OF SITUATION EITHER HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY DISSEMINATED OR

ELSE IS BEING OVERLOOKED BY AIRLINE. STRONGLY URGE DEPARTMENT
BRING THIS SITUATION TO ATTENTION OF ALL CONCERNED.

4. ALSO REQUEST FAA CONSULT WITH FLYING TIGER, WORLD AIRWAYS,
INC., OF OAKLAND, CALIF., AND OTHER COMPANIES WITH CHARTER
SERVICE TO WEST AFRICA RE CONTENTS OF COTONOU 480, STRESSING
THAT ADEQUATE LEAD TIME IS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IF WE ARE TO
RENDER UTEFUL SERVICE TO AIRLINES.
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